

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JULY 1, 2009****DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER**☐ Consent ☒ Discussion**SUBJECT:**

GPA-33721 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - PUBLIC HEARING -
APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - Request to update and amend the West Las Vegas Plan, to encourage the implementation of streetscape and median improvements, community identity markers and improved neighborhood livability, Ward 5 (Barlow). The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:**Planning Commission Mtg.****2****City Council Meeting****0****APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:****Planning Commission Mtg.****7****City Council Meeting****0****RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location Map
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Justification Letter
5. Neighborhood Meeting Notes
6. West Las Vegas Investment Report
7. Backup referenced from the May 28, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting Item 9

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve subject to conditions

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN,
GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated that this application comes forward to update the West Las Vegas Plan based upon findings in large group meetings at the National American Planning Conference, where many West Las Vegas stakeholders came together and made recommendations.

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COUNCILMAN BARLOW made additional recommendations for improvements to the West Las Vegas Plan. The proposal would include streetscape and median improvements along D Street between Adams Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and Jackson Avenue; sidewalk and street lighting improvements in the area bounded by Washington Avenue, H Street, D Street and I-15 entry features, bike lanes and connector roads.

MS. WHEELER indicated that other recommendations made at the conference were to consider expanding the Redevelopment Area (RDA), conduct a study to improve the community's image, promote locally-owned businesses, and a Main Street program to incorporate goals and strategies to improve walkability and quality of life along the historic corridors in West Las Vegas. The program would be based on the national program, which has certain principles of organizations, design and economic restructuring that staff would be working with the local community to ensure that these improvements take place through the City's Capital Improvement Program. Staff recommended approval.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked MS. WHEELER to speak to the Main Street program, as to what it entails. MS. WHEELER explained that the national program has been around for about 30 years and provides grant guidelines to local organizations and businesses, the City and the County. There is a pool of money that is part of the implementation of the certified programs and is administered by a board. The State of Nevada does not have a Main Street Program but it has a Gardener Bill that came in effect in 2008. The principles are the organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring. Staff will create a board in accordance with these national principles.

SAMUEL WRIGHT requested that F Street be added as a primary north and south street and since it is being reopened, the community would like to have F Street as a primary connecting street to downtown. There needs to be a real implementation plan with funding attached, especially given the current economic conditions. The community needs to be made aware of how long it will take to implement the plan. He asked that express bus routes be added to the plan, as there are none in this community. MR. WRIGHT felt the plan is a good first effort, but some parts are incomplete. The economic component is outdated, and the demographics of the community will continue to change for the next ten years. The F Street Coalition members need to be made a part of the discussions, and they are willing to work together with the support from the City.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, stated that COUNCILMEN BARLOW and WEEKLY should not be blamed for the F Street issue but it must be reopened and must include a bus stop.

KATHERINE DUNCAN, President Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, verified that the 2004 Plan is being amended, and indicated that its failure was due to not having a real mission. She recommended that the new plan create a beautiful and spiritual uplifting community. She outlined the areas that should be focused upon; the I-15 and Bonanza Road and as far north as the City limits. The Jimmy Gay Park needs to be fixed with a hall of fame and roller skate rink. The timeline is of essence while I-15 north is being widened. The churches on Madison Avenue

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need visual improvements, as they are an asset to the West Las Vegas community. The area needs to be cleaned, as well as establish a recycling project. MS. DUNCAN asked that COUNCILMAN BARLOW take responsibility for implementing the plan and assign City staff to work with the community. A timeline needs to be determined.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked Ward 5 residents for their input and suggestions to the West Las Vegas Plan, which have been implemented into the plan. He believes there is an opportunity to come together to ensure that the projects and developments within the plan come to fruition. He indicated that a committee has been organized and invited Ward 5 residents to submit resumes with a letter of interest as to why they want to be part of the West Las Vegas Advisory Plan. He wants the plan to be implemented and become a living document.

MS. WHEELER stated that the plan being amended is the 2006 Plan, which is the most recent, and the updates are based on the 2008 workshop and the recommended Capital Improvements Projects proposed in 2009. MS. WHEELER indicated that staff is working with the Regional Transportation Commission regarding the transit improvements, as transit is one of the City's priorities for West Las Vegas. MS. WHEELER further explained that Planning staff is working with the Office of Business Development to study the potential expansion of the RDA. Regarding the expenditures, Neighborhood Services put together a document showing \$73 million in expenditures between 1994 and 2009. The Parks and Recreation update of 2008 included looking at priority areas for new parks in this particular area.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.